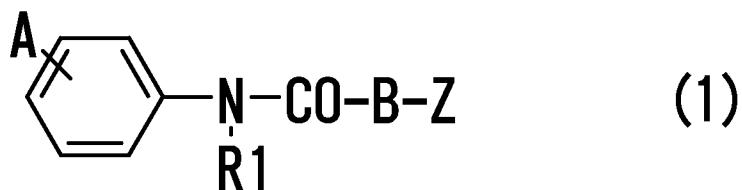


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims presented in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound represented by formula (1):

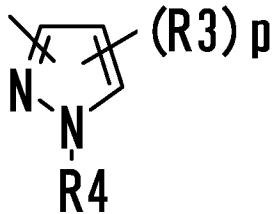
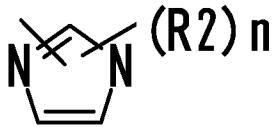


wherein,

R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted ~~or substituted~~;

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following formulae:

wherein,



R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

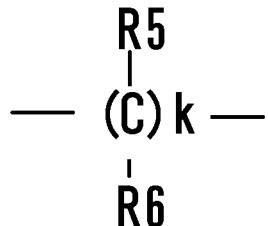
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more;

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



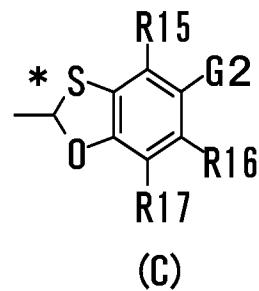
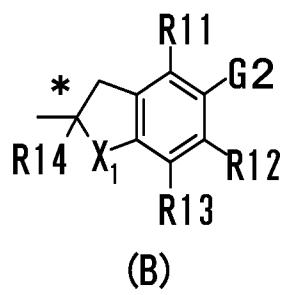
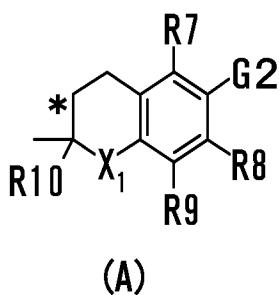
wherein,

R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynloxy group, a C₁₋₆ acyloxy group, or a C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl group, or a phenyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more; and

Z represents a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):



wherein

* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,
R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and
G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a
C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group,
a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

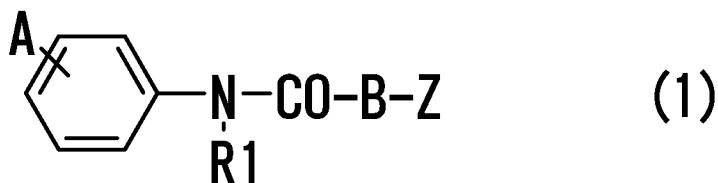
Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according
to claim 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth
position on the phenyl group of formula (1).

Claim 4 (Canceled)

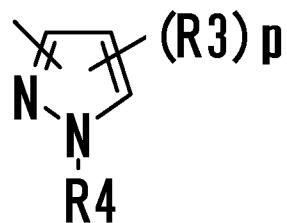
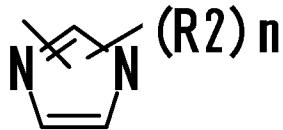
Claim 5 (Currently amended): An antioxidant comprising as its active ingredient at least one
compound represented by formula (1):

wherein



R1 represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted ~~or substituted~~,

A represents an imidazolyl group or a pyrazolyl group represented by the following
formulae:



wherein

R2 and R3 represent a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

R4 represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by G1,

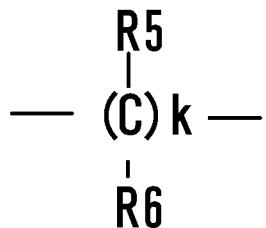
G1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,

p represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

R2 and R3 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when n and p are 2 or more,

B represents a group represented by the following formula:



wherein

R5 and R6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkynyl group, a C₂₋₆ alkenyloxy group, a C₂₋₆ alkynloxy group, a C₁₋₆ acyloxy group, or a C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl group.

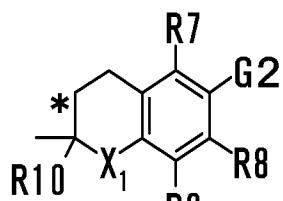
group, or a phenyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group,

k represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 15, and

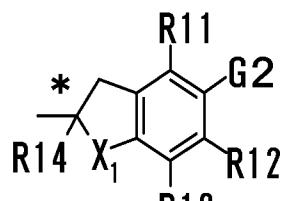
R5 and R6 may be identical to each other, or different from each other, when k is 2 or more, and

Z represents a group represented by the following formula (A), (B) or (C):

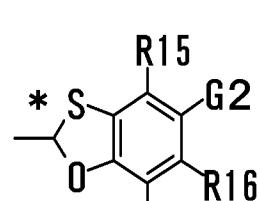
wherein



(A)



(B)



(C)

* represents an asymmetric carbon atom,

X1 represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom,

R7 to R17 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and

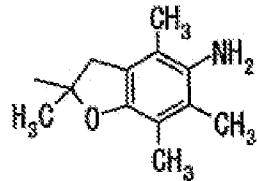
G2 is represented by the following formula: NHR (wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group which is unsubstituted or substituted by a nitro group, a halogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ haloalkyl group

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 6-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Currently amended): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein A is 1-imidazolyl or 1-H-pyrazole-5-yl which is substituted at the fourth position on the phenyl group of formula (1).

Claim 14 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein R1 is a hydrogen atom, A is 4-(1H-pyrazole-5-yl), k is 0, and Z is represented by the following formula:



Claim 15 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 1, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt according to claim 15, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).

Claim 18 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 5, wherein Z represents a group represented by the formula (A) or (B) wherein X1 represents an oxygen atom.

Claim 19 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents an imidazolyl group.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): An antioxidant according to claim 18, wherein A represents a pyrazolyl group and Z represents a group represented by the formula (B).